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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO AMCONSUL ASMARA IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 6067

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC PINS ET

SUBJ: TENNECO SEVEN

PASS VOA

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1. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THAT SUDAN INTERIOR MISSIONS, MID-EAST GENERAL MISSIONS AND RED SEA MISSION PREPARED SUBSCRIBE TO STATEMENT, AS AMENDED BELOW, CONTAINED ASMARA REFTEL (CF PARA 1 THAT MSG).

2. TEXT OF RELEASE QUOTE

TWO MORE MISSIONARY HOSPITAL PROJECTS IN THE PROVINCE OF ERITREA HAVE NOW BEEN CLOSED AS THE RESULT OF RISING CONCERN ON THE PART OF VARIOUS MISSIONARY GROUPS OVER THE SAFETY OF THEIR PERSONNEL. THIS ANXIETY ARISES FROM THE MURDER OF ONE NURSE AND THE KIDNAPPING OF ANOTHER WHICH TOOK PLACE MAY 27 AT THE AMERICAN EVANGELICAL MISSION HOSPITAL AT GHINDA, A VILLIAGE NEAR ASMARA. THE KIDNAPPERS REPORTEDLY ARE MEMBERS

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OF THE SAME UNITS OF THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT WHICH

HAS NOW HELD FIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE TENNECO CORPORATION  
HOSTAGE FOR NINE WEEKS FOLLOWING THE LANDING OF THEIR HELICOPTER  
DURING A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MISSION.

AS A RESULT OF THESE ALARMING EVENTS THE AMERICAN EVANGELICAL  
MISSION HOSPITAL IN GHINDA WAS CLOSED ON MAY 28. IN THE SAME  
DAY THE SUDAN INTERIOR MISSION, (SIM) CLINIC AND A COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT AFABED WERE ALSO CLOSED. THE COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT AFABED INCLUDED THE BUILDING OF A DAM,  
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, WELL DRILLING AND SCHOOLS FOR THE  
PEOPLE.

IT WAS LEARNED TODAY THAT A HOSPITAL AT HAICOTAN NEAR TESSENEI,  
WHICH WAS OPERATED BY THE MIDDLE EAST GENERAL MISSIONS, AS WELL  
AS A CLINIC IN MASSAWA WHICH WAS OPERATED BY THE RED SEA  
MISSION, HAVE ALSO BEEN CLOSED AS A RESULT OF THE MURDER,  
KIDNAPPINGS AND FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR PERSONNEL.  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ABOVE INSTITUTIONS HAVE SAID THAT NO  
CONSIDERATION FOR THE REOPENING OF THE ABOVE INSTALLATIONS  
WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL ALL THE HOSTAGES, BOTH AMERICANS AND  
CANADIANS, ARE RELEASED SAFELY AND QUICKLY BY THE ERITREAN  
LIBERATION FRONT.

UNQUOTE

3. RELEASE AMENDED AS ABOVE IS BEING DISSEMINATED THROUGH  
USIS AND SHOULD BE USED BY VOA, PREFERABLY IN ARABIC, TO HELP  
US PUT MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON ELF FOR RELEASE OF THEIR CAPTIVES.  
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